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NEWSLETTER

Issue 14



With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26



Marden Vale
CE Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have completed our first 2 weeks of Term 6. It has been busy so far and we have many events happening throughout this term so please keep an eye on the Dates for the Diary. This is available in the newsletter or you can subscribe to our calendar on our website [Marden Vale CE Academy – Calendar](#)

Copies of all newsletters can also be found on the website [Marden Vale CE Academy – Newsletters](#)

We have allocated our new class teachers and TAs for our September 26/27 Academic year.

Tadpoles (EYFS) : Mrs Bathurst and Miss Walker
Butterfly (Year 1): Miss Davidson and Miss Gisbourne
Otter (Year 2): Miss Holden, Mrs Mackay and Mrs Butler
Dragonfly (Year 3/4): Miss Weare and Mrs Luker
Fox (Year 5): Miss Lewis and Miss Van Maris
Kingfisher (Year 6): Miss Templeton and Miss Burgess
Honeybees: Mrs Woodward, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Eldridge and Miss C
Bumblebees: Miss Shima, Mrs Doggett, Mrs Paige and Mrs Matthews

Deputy head: Miss Hagley
SENDCo: Miss Penfold
Pastoral lead: Mrs Mabon
Before and After-school club: Mrs Lane

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Matthews as she leaves at the end of this term. I would like to thank her for all her hard work during her time at Marden Vale and wish her well in her new job. Mrs Woodward will be working 3 days a week from September, we are in the process of finding a teacher for the other 2 days. We will update you once we have appointed.

Mrs Scrivens
Headteacher

Term Value
COURAGE



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
18 th June	Year 5 Taster day - Abbeyfield	
22 nd June	Sport's Day	
26th June	TD DAY	Children not in school
24 th June	Year 6 Transition Day	KGA 2-3pm
27 th June	Carnival	SATURDAY
1 st July	Year 6 Transition Day	KGA Whole day
8 th July	Year 6 Transition Day	KGA 2-3pm
6 th – 9 th July	Year 6 Swimming	Mon/Tues/ Wed/ Thurs
8 th July	Year 5 Taster Day	KGA
14 TH July	Year 4 School Trip	Bath Theatre
13 th – 16 th July	Year 6 Swimming	Mon/Tues/Wed/ Thurs
20 th & 21 st July	Move up days	
22nd July	LAST DAY OF TERM	

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
MONDAY	Yr 4, 5, 6 Football	
MONDAY	Yr 1, 2, 3 Multi-Sports	
TUESDAY	Yr 5, 6 Science	
TUESDAY	Yr 2, 3, 4 Forest	FULL
THURSDAY	Yr Yr 2, 3, 4 Ultimate Frisbee	
THURSDAY	Yr 2-6 Choir	
FRIDAY	Yr 3-6 Dance	

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

	W/E 22 nd May	W/E 6 th June	W/E 12 th June
TADPOLE	87.7%	94.4%	96.9%
BUTTERFLY	99.2%	92.9%	86.5%
OTTER	94%	96.4%	93.7%
DRAGONFLY	94.7%	97%	96.6%
FOX	93%	90.5%	97.7%
KINGFISHER	94.4%	93.9%	98.4%
HIVE	83.7%	94.1%	85.2%

CLASS WINNERS

22nd May

Butterfly 97%

6th June

Dragonfly 97%

12th June

Kingfisher 98.4%

STARS OF THE WEEK

22nd May: Hudson, Kingsley, Chloe, Josh, Rueban W, Amy, LCM

6th June: Arlo, Remy, Jessica, Tristan, Aria, Torrah, Finnley B

12th June: Mason Hod, NJ, Luna, Austin, whole of Dragonfly Class, Yusuf, Whole of Kingfisher Class

**TERM 5 CLASS WINNER:
BUTTERFLY 97%**

READS

Well done to the following who continue to excel with their reading at home.

50 Reads: Sanjog

100 Reads: Ashley (y3/4), Chloe, Tykhon



<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER SURVEY - At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. By completing the survey (link above), your voices can be taken directly to the centre of government.

ATTENDANCE

We have arrived in the Summer Term of this Academic Year. If your child is unwell e.g. Fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, please contact the school via either email: admin@mardenvale.dsat.org.uk , call us directly on 01249 813505 or leave a voicemail on our absence line before 8.30am. You should make every effort to send your child into school. If you are unsure, send them in and if we feel they are too unwell at any stage of the day, we will call you.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If you plan to take your child out of school during term time for anything other than illness, e.g. Religious Observance, Bereavement, special occasions, holidays, hospital appointments, please complete the 'Leave of absence request' form which is available from the school office.

TERM 6 PE DAYS

Butterfly – Monday & Thursday

Otter – Monday & Thursday

Dragonfly – Tuesday (to include Forest school clothes too)

Fox – Wednesday & Friday

Kingfisher – Thursday & Friday

LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE



We will be testing School lockdown procedures next week. These are designed to protect students and staff from external or internal threats. The core steps involve returning indoors immediately, securing the room by locking or barricading all entrances, drawing blinds, and remaining entirely silent and out of sight until emergency services or school administration give the "all-clear".

BIKEABILITY



Kingfisher class took part in Bikeability. Those that participated did superb in their theory and practical.

SPORTS DAY - MONDAY 22ND JUNE

10:30am – 11:45am - Tadpoles and Butterfly Sports Day

11:45am - 12:15pm - Picnic lunch — your child/ren are welcome to sit with you and eat during this time under parent supervision. **The play equipment will not be in use.**

12:30pm - 2:30pm - Bumblebees, Otters, Dragonfly, Fox & Kingfisher Sports Day

Children need to come to school in PE kits wearing their house colour t-shirt (it must be plain no logos) and bring sun lotion, sun hat and a water bottle. Weather dependent.

Parents toilets will be located near the entry and exit door to the main building.

After KS2 Sports Day finishes parents can take children home but children will be going back to their class first. Parents will need to collect from normal end of day collection areas.

Drinks and ice-creams will be sold during the picnic lunch for 50p.

Reminder: Please ensure you only photograph/film your own child and do not put on social media if other children are visible.

PLEASE MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR SUE BRADY LUNCH BOOKING TO REFLECT A PACKED LUNCH OR CANCEL THE ORDER. THIS HAS TO BE DONE BY THE END OF WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE. You can provide one from home or bring one with you and enjoy a picnic lunch with your child on the day.

COURAGE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in School on the value COURAGE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Courage

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."

Nelson Mandela



READ TOGETHER...

The Courage of David the Shepherd Boy

One day as David the shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers in the Israelite army he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me."

The voice was coming from the Philistine ranks and went on taunting the Israelites and their God. As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king.

"I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced.

It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life."

"But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side."

King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out **courageously** to face Goliath.

The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy and shouted curses at him. David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people."

As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides.

This was a day no-one would forget, when the **courage** of a shepherd boy saved a nation.



Bible story based on 1Samuel 17



'I rise to a challenge and I am brave.'

Marden Vale's Carnival Entry

BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL

Come join Marden Vale on the 27th of June
and be part of our carnival float

This year our theme is the colourful brazilian
carnival.

We are asking everyone to wear bright coloured
clothing with feathers and sparkle make it as fun
as you like

playing samba music and instruments

If you would like to be a part of Marden Vale's float we have masks available
for you to decorate however you like as colourful and as fun as you like



Calne
Town
Council

Hardship Fund

Help with
the Cost of
Shopping



The Council has made an immediate allocation of £5000 with an additional sum of money held in reserve.

Help with
Electricity and
Gas Bills



The immediate funds will be administered by Calne Town Charity.

Help buying
Domestic Home
Appliances



To be eligible for the **Hardship Fund** you must be a Calne Resident.

Hardship
Fund

Write to:
Calne Town Charity
Bank House
The Strand
Calne
SN11 0EN

Telephone:
01249 814000

Email:
calne@calne.gov.uk

Calne Town Charity exists to provide help to people who live in Calne. It does not give out cash, but can provide replacement household appliances (cooker, fridge, washing machine etc) or essential items of furniture like a child's bed, or help with gas or electricity bills. Evidence of Universal Credit is required where relevant. You can email calne@calne.gov.uk or phone 01249 814000 and ask for a form for Calne Town Charity, or visit the Council Offices at Bank House on the Strand in the middle of town. The council staff can help you fill in the form, if necessary.

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SUMMER TIME WORKSHOP

DATES:
27-31 JULY
24-28 AUGUST

FOR ALL AGES

**OPEN TO ALL
CHILDREN - BSL
AND NON-BSL
STUDENTS
WELCOME**

COST AND TIMING

**9:00 - 15:00
£35**

**9:00 - 12:30
£25**

**ADDITIONAL
BREAKFAST
CLUB
8:30-9:00**

£5

EXCITING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

ARTS & CRAFTS, COOKING & BAKING,
FUN GAMES & MULTI SPORTS

EXPERIENCED STAFF WITH ENHANCED DBS CHECK.
A SAFE, NURTURING AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.



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